



**RICHMOND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD BRIEFS  
March 24, 2010**

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**CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes: Approval of March 24, 2010 minutes.

Human Resources: Approval of Employment, Resignations, and Extra Duty Resignation.

Accounts Payable: Approval of the Accounts Payable Voucher Register for March 2010 and Payroll Claim Listings for February and March 2010 for a grand total of \$3,574,650.43.

Civic Hall Wayne County Foundation Grant: Approval to apply for \$5000.00 for the Proudly Presenting Series of events sponsored by Richmond Community Schools and Civic Hall Associates from the Wayne County Foundation.

Richmond Community Schools and Richmond Symphony Orchestra Wayne County Foundation Grant: Approval to apply for \$5000.00 for a Creative Arts Event for all Wayne County 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Wayne County Foundation.

**SNAPSHOTS OF SUCCESS**

Invitation to the President: Richmond High School students Brandon Pope, Craig Mayle, Taylor Stein, Dakota Collins, Emily O'Brien, Lauren O'Brien and Aisha Bowen, led by teacher Karen Kimball, have submitted essays and a video for the Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge sponsored by the White House and the Department of Education to compete to have President Obama speak at the 2010 graduation. Applications will be judged based on the school's performance and dedication to providing students an excellent education that will prepare them to graduate ready for college and career choices. Six finalists will be selected and will be featured on the White House website. The public will have an opportunity to vote for three schools and the President will then select a national winner from the three finalists. The video can be viewed at <http://got.im/Z4s>.

Disability Awareness Month: Disability Awareness Month is celebrated in March and its goal is to increase awareness and promote independence, integration and inclusion of all people with disabilities. Cindy Taylor, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Nola Zimmerman, Braille Transcriber, and Crestdale second grade students Marie Villaneda and Katelyn Ferguson along with Richmond High School junior Erik Baker demonstrated some of the tools that are used every day in their classrooms.

It is the policy of Richmond Community Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability in its educational programs or employment policies.

**REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Monthly Financial Report: Bob Coddington summarized that revenue is down \$169,000 and that expenditures are up \$237,000. Mr. Coddington reviewed the Income and Expense Analysis, Property Tax Analysis, Cash Flow, and Progress to 2011 Balanced Budget.

Monthly Personnel Report: The total number of employees for the February 2010 was 822.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Donations: Acceptance of \$2,745.00 in donations to Richmond Community Schools.

Administrator Incentive Program: An onsite review of the Title I and Title II programs will be conducted by the Department of Education on April 15, 2010. The Administrator Incentive Program is a Title II grant program. Approving the incentive pay awards will be a part of the records of compliance for the Title II grant program. Several principals and assistant principals qualify for performance incentive awards based on the 2008-2009 school year.

**BOARD REPORTS/REFLECTIONS/  
CELEBRATIONS**

State Legislative Report: Kelly Baumgartner stated that at the close of the General Assembly on March 13, 2010 seventeen bills became law including one that authorizes 5% of the Capital Project Fund levy amount to be transferred to any other fund. Items that did not pass included starting school after Labor Day, fines for violation of the Open Door Access to Records law, General Fund referendum levy campaigning restrictions, and mandating that all elected school boards be elected in the general election.

Board Reports/Reflections/Celebrations:

- President Derengowski stated that at the April 14, 2010 Board meeting the recommendation regarding the study of the educational and organizational structure of Richmond Community Schools that was made at a previous meeting will be discussed.
- The Board celebrated the students who presented at the meeting, the recent All America City Celebration performance, Westview Elementary School's Literacy Night, and creative arts opportunities.
- Dr. Bourff stated that a Safe Schools/Healthy Students federal site visit took place this week and that the evaluators were very complimentary of the efforts taking place.

***STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS. PERIOD.***